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Evacuation: Emergency vehicles at the scene as residents of The Crescent, Surbiton, are led out of their homes on New Year's Day

# BLAST FEAR

## Residents evacuated as police find weapons stash

Police evacuated a block of flats in Surbiton on New Year's Day after stumbling on a stash of weapons, an imitation hand grenade and drugs inside one of the flats.

Neighbours in Crescent Court were told a suspect package of explosives had been found and were evacuated from the block of flats near Surbiton station while the road and park was closed off.

About 80 police officers and firemen with emergency vehicles filled the street at 1pm. Three hours later they left, leaving residents to assume there had been a false alarm.

But police confirmed on Monday they had found drugs and weapons inside a house in the road, while looking for a missing person - named

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locally as Peter Roberts - who was not at the property.

Detectives are now investigating whether the owner of the flat, where they discovered the weapons, an imitation hand grenade and cannabis, had killed himself at Surbiton station in October.

Officers decided to search the flat, only a hundred yards away from Surbiton station, after being tipped off on December 30 that its owner had not been seen for some time.

Neighbour and evacuee William Robinson, 77, from Crescent Court, said he had last seen Peter Roberts from flat 14 in mid-October, and had since heard he was laid off from his

security shift work in September.

He said: "My wife and I were so upset when we heard he had gone and disappeared. We knew him as a nice, quiet lad. He never did any harm to anybody. If he is the man who died at the station, I can only suggest he blew his top."

A white man aged between 30 and 50 was hit by a train travelling at 80mph through Surbiton station on October 27, but his body was never identified, despite having a distinctive tattoo on the abdomen.

He was seen walking "purposefully" on to the tracks from platform two, shortly before 10pm.

Allan Lochhead, who was at his girlfriend's flat in The Crescent when police came knocking, said: "The police said they had found a suspected pack-

age of explosives in the park.

"We were told to prepare to leave, as it was likely that the whole street would have to be evacuated. At about 4pm, the police cars, vans, fire engines and ambulances left as quickly as they had arrived.

"It all seemed rather unreal. This is sleepy Surbiton."

Another neighbour, who asked not to be named, said: "I had gone for a walk, came back and wasn't able to get back in. I ended up climbing over the back wall.

"I heard they had found a grenade in one of the flats and they had evacuated the flats. I come from South Africa so I wasn't really worried."

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# Taking stock of housing

by **DAVID LINDSELL**

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A PR company has been hired to canvas opinion ahead of Kingston Council's third attempt in 10 years to privatise the housing stock.

Letters have started going out to the 6,500 council tenants who voted against housing stock transfer twice in recent times.

In 2004, 68 per cent of tenants rejected council proposals, despite being told it was the only realistic way of funding repairs to lifts, stairwells and outdated kitchens. The PR company hired on that occasion cost taxpayers £300,000.

PPCR, which has been heavily involved in transferring council housing in Tower Hamlets, will ask people what they think, less than a year after the last consultation was accused of being "wishy washy" with "leading questions".

Labour Councillor Steve Mama, an opponent of stock transfer, said using PPCR was a waste of people's money, would be pro-stock transfer and would ask the same questions as last time.

He said: "It is a farce. The council knows what is wrong with the housing stock and it knows what the tenants want - decent, warm, water-tight accommodation. I don't believe it doesn't have the money for repairs. If it can find the money

for the theatre it needs to get its priorities reordered."

Lib Dem-run Kingston Council said the borough was unfairly penalised by Government and had to hand over 31p in every pound of rent to subsidise poorer areas - which amounts to £6.7m a year - the highest in London. The borough has joined 156 other local councils to fight the "raw deal".

Coun Penny Shelton, executive member for housing, said: "It is good to have an independent organisation find out what individuals think. This is an opportunity for councillors to be out of the way and hear what tenants have to say."

She denied PPCR would be pro-stock transfer, and said: "I think you would find they would be very offended if you were to suggest that to them."

PPCR was unavailable for comment.

Earlier this year, housing minister Ian Wright promised to introduce a code of practice on the ballots, having admitted some previous questionnaires were one-sided.

**What do you think about stock transfer? Have your say at**  
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**Damp conditions:** Many residents have been unhappy with the state of their council housing

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### Thursday

This Is Me is an art show with a difference, put together by refugees and asylum seekers in west London. The exhibition is at Watermans in Brentford until January 18.

### Friday

Witness the photojournalism of Stuart Heydinger, the internationally renowned photographer who was born in Kingston in 1927. Kingston Museum hosts a rarely seen collection of his work, on loan from Germany.

### Saturday

Sample fresh local produce at Wallington farmers' market, including organic fruit and vegetables; free range meat, chicken and eggs; pies and tarts; fresh and smoked fish; locally made sauces, jams and chutneys; cheese and much more.

### Sunday

How much do you really know about the spooky past

of Hampton Court Palace? Children can creep their way around dark corners and hear stories of kings and queens long ago in a guided ghost tour.

### Monday

The weekly quiz night at the White Horse in Epsom, run by local entertainer Rocky. Join the quiz league or just drop in to test the old grey matter. Highly recommended as the best quiz in the area, also featuring music and jackpot rounds.

### Tuesday

The British Ballet organisation is presenting a new Egyptian dance class for beginners in Barnes - for one night only.

### Wednesday

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## Library move at their peril

Campaigners in Old Malden are redoubling their efforts to save their library by heading off proposals that could see some smaller libraries eventually closed and books moved into schools or leisure centres.

But the man responsible for libraries, Councillor Ian Reid, played down the chances of the proposals being adopted by Kingston Council.

Councillor David Fraser will protest on Saturday outside the library against the proposals in the library services review carried out last year.

He said: "They will close our library at their peril. It is part of the community. We lost the post office, both the senior and junior youth club. People aren't happy at all."

The long-term ambition in the review is to have one large library in Kingston and Surbiton, in a "community hub" similar to the revamped Hook Centre. New Malden will not be touched because it is seen as a well-used community centre inside a listed building.

There are only two options laid out for Surbiton, Old Malden, Tudor Drive and Tolworth - either stay as they are or move to a school or leisure centre.

Councillor Ian Reid said the library services review had merely been noted by the executive. "It is not anything that is currently on the radar," he said.



**Happy family:** Baby Jack Breadner Feltham with dad Graham, mum Susannah and brother Harry Breadner Feltham, 19 months

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## Delivering perfect Christmas gifts

The mother of a Christmas Day baby was frantically vacuuming on the night before she was taken to Kingston Hospital to give birth two weeks early.

Susannah Feltham was home in time for a Christmas turkey dinner after giving birth to her 7lb 9oz second child Jack Freddie Breadner Feltham at 9.32am.

Her husband Graham, 35, a chartered accountant from Esher, said: "When on Christmas Eve my wife started rushing around vacuuming, my sister said 'something seems to be up'."

"At 12 noon we went into Kingston Hospital."

"It feels amazing. I brought them back that evening and we both had a Christmas din-

ner together. All my sisters were in tears and we stayed up for a bit of food and a glass of champagne."

In total nine babies were born on December 25 at Kingston Hospital - seven boys and two girls.

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## Fine for truant's mum

A Kingston mum whose 16-year-old daughter skipped school more than half of last year has been hauled before the courts and fined.

Kingston Magistrates' Court heard on Tuesday, January 6, that Laura Taylor had attended only 81 of the 170 sessions at Tolworth Girls' School between June 16 and December 5, 2008.

Her mother Dawn Taylor, 50, of King Henry's Road, admitted Laura, a year 11 pupil due to sit her GCSEs in May, had a poor record of attendance, but said she had been plagued by glandular fever for the past nine months and had needed counselling after her father died.

David Fellows, prosecuting for

Kingston Council, said no medical evidence, apart from a medicine bottle label, had ever been handed to the school.

Mr Fellows said: "She [Mrs Taylor] has failed to secure regular attendance for Laura and we have given them every possible chance to engage with us."

Mrs Taylor, a nurse, said: "She has been off a lot, I know, but if she is not in school she has been working at home."

Magistrate Anne Jewell fined Taylor £753 and said: "It is every parent's duty to ensure their child attends school. You have not made adequate efforts to ensure Laura attends and as a result she has attended less than half the possible sessions."

## Hunt for missing grandma

Police are investigating after a Kingston grandmother went missing three days after Christmas.

Annette Francis-Chridi, 55, who had recently returned from holiday in Spain, spent a busy Christmas with family and was due to move into a new home with her husband later this month.

She was last seen at 10am on December 28 in Vernon Avenue, Raynes Park, at a friend's house where she was staying temporarily.

When her husband Fehri re-

turned from running errands two hours later, she had gone, taking her handbag but leaving her mobile phone, clothes and toiletries.

Daughter Sacha, 38, said she had been "quieter than usual" over Christmas and had a difficult 2008 with illness in the family, but said it was out of character for her to run away.

Mrs Francis-Chridi attended Bonner Hill School and lived in Portsmouth Road, Surbiton, for many years.

Call Missing People on 0500 700700 with information.

## Dad knifed to death

by JAMES PEPPER

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The Worcester Park mother of a man found stabbed to death in Brighton has paid an emotional tribute to her son.

Stuart Slade, 35, was found dead in the early hours of Tuesday, December 30, following an horrific attack in the Hampton Place area of the city.

Mr Slade, who was unemployed and had a seven-year-old son, had been living at a YMCA centre since being made homeless a month ago.

The father-of-one was murdered near a notorious hang-out for homeless drug addicts and dealers.

A postmortem examination confirmed he died of stab wounds to the chest but police have still not released a description of the murder weapon.

His mother, Maureen Slade from Worcester Park, and his father, also called Stuart, from Roehampton, said Mr Slade was a loving and caring son



"Beautiful son": Stuart Slade was found dead in Brighton

and father who would be greatly missed.

In a joint statement they said: "We would not wish what we are going through on any mother or father and we both feel that a big part of our lives was taken away when Stuart's life was taken from him."

"What has happened has broken our hearts and we do not know how we are going to rebuild our lives. It is only Stu-

art's seven-year-old son, our grandson, that will keep us going."

Detectives were due to return to the scene of the attack this week in the hope of jogging someone's memory about the crime.

Detective Chief Inspector Steve Johns said on Monday: "It is a very difficult investigation."

"Lots of potential motives are still under consideration. It could well have been a dispute that got out of hand with somebody he knew. Random attacks are extremely rare. I can't really exclude that but I think it is extremely unlikely."

Floral tributes have been left at the scene of the murder. One from his father Stuart read: "RIP son. You were the most beautiful son any father could wish for."

"I will think of you every day for the rest of my life. I hope you are at peace and I'm looking forward to seeing you again somewhere else."

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## NEWSbrief

**CRAVE ATTENTION?:** Barton Green Theatre company is hunting for two men and two women to star in its performance of *Crave*, a "vivid dissection of sex, death, brutality and ravenous love". Anyone interested in auditioning, whatever their acting experience, should head to the theatre in Elm Road at 2pm on Sunday, January 11.

**COFFEE MORNING:** Over 55s wanting a hot drink and a chat can pop along to West Barnes Library, Station Road, on Monday, January 12, for a monthly coffee morning. Free tea, coffee and biscuits are provided between 10am and noon on the day, as well as scintillating talks on a variety of subjects.

**TRADE MIXED:** Half as many shoppers visited Kingston town centre on New Year's Day as on Boxing Day, in a disappointing blow for traders' profits, but more people visited overall.

Official football figures are due this week, but the early impressions are positive.

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# New scheme sees recycle rates rise by 30 per cent

by ALITA HOWE

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The amount of waste being recycled in Kingston has increased by 30 per cent since the change in September to alternate week rubbish collection, figures have shown.

The controversial scheme has seen 1,501 tonnes a month being recycled, compared with 1,163 in 2007.

The amount of waste being sent to landfill has also fallen by 20 per cent, from 4,316 tonnes per month to 3,854 tonnes per month.

A Kingston Council spokesman said: "The introduction of the new service has resulted in a significant increase in recycling and composting across the borough. This is great news for the borough, both environmentally and financially."

A council survey, carried out after the introduction of the new recycling scheme, showed that 66 per cent of households regularly used their green box to recycle paper, plastic bottles,

## A rubbish situation

Residents of two Kingston streets said botched rubbish collections over Christmas left their pavements covered in rotting food.

Nick Booth, of Woodbines Avenue, said he was forced to take his recycling to Waitrose in Surbiton.

He saw overturned food bins spilling waste on to the streets, after a Christmas collection by the council failed to materialise.

He said: "On our road and Miller Road, there were waste food bins on the street for days.

"Someone kicked my neighbour's food bin over.

"There was rotting food all over the pavement.

"The Waitrose car park, where they have recycling bins, looked

like the council tip.

"There were bottles and cardboard spilling out all over the place.

"I'm all for recycling, but the whole system is, literally, rubbish."

A Kingston Council spokesman said it was working hard to address these "teething problems".

The spokesman went on to comment: "Across the borough, 97 per cent of all collections took place on the scheduled day.

"Overall, the service ran very smoothly.

"Food and cardboard waste collections were later than planned for approximately 5,000 properties.

"We apologise for any inconvenience this caused."

apologised to residents who had not had their containers delivered on time, or suffered missed collections.

A spokesman said: "We thank residents for embracing the service and doing such a great job of reducing the amount of rubbish they send to landfill.

"The really important thing is that this excellent start is maintained, and that we continue to work together to recycle more and waste less."

Since September, more than 50,000 new wheelie bins have been delivered to Kingston homes as part of the new recycling and refuse contract, and the council is now holding a wheelie bin amnesty for people who need to dispose of their old bin in an environmentally friendly way.

Collections will be made in the weeks starting January 19 and 26, and bins just need to be cleaned and washed and left out with the landfill waste.

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## Red Lion plans presented to public inquiry

A property developing company planning to turn the former Red Lion pub in Tolworth into 58 homes, three shops and a pub, presented its case at a public inquiry at Kingston Guildhall this week.

The plans by Surbiton

company CNM Estates were rejected by Kingston Council in July, because the buildings were too dense and out of keeping with the area.

Tolworth councillor Rob Lee criticised the "rabbit hutch" style apartments at

the time and called for more family homes to be built in the area.

The hearing, which began on Tuesday, January 6, was expected to take several days. Several residents living near the site on the junction of Red Lion Road and

Ewell Road were planning to attend and speak out against the development.

A decision will be made by the independent inspector in the next few weeks.

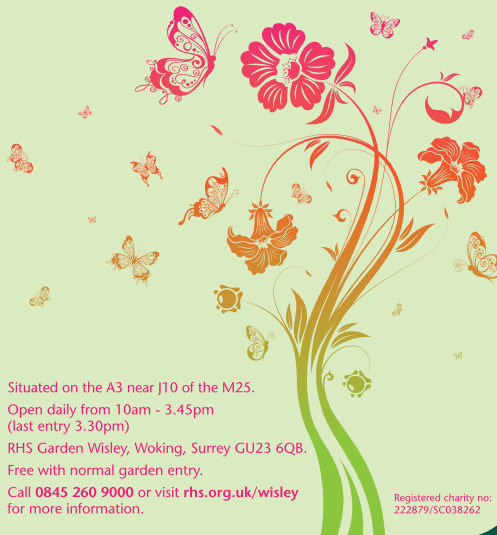
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On the lookout: A pair of deer keep a wary eye over their territory

## Winter wonderland as cold weather hits park

Richmond Park was turned into a winter wonderland over the weekend as temperatures plunged below zero.

The frosty scenes were enjoyed by dog walkers, cyclists and horse riders who were all wrapped up to protect themselves against the bitter chill.

As the temperatures plummeted again on Monday, the park was clad with snow but the deer didn't seem to mind as they were out in force amidst the icy scenes.

With the weather still set to be cold and frosty until

after the weekend, there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy the park and maybe even capture a prize-winning picture, as the Friends of Richmond Park launch their annual photography competition for young people on Saturday, January 10.

The competition is for children under 18 and aims to encourage wildlife and nature photography within the park.

For details of the competition, visit [frp.org.uk](http://frp.org.uk)

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The team will be at Waitrose from 10am.

# Woman traumatised after alsatian attack

A 79-year-old woman was left trembling and traumatised after she and her three-year old terrier were set upon by alsatians while sitting on a bench in Kingston's Market Place.

Pamela Berry, her husband Leonard and rescue dog Pippa were relaxing after a riverside walk when they were attacked by the two dogs at 2.30pm on Monday, December 29.

Mrs Berry was dragged across Market Place during the attack and she suffered serious injury to her hand because she tried to keep hold of Pippa's lead.

Pippa's spleen was punctured and she needed stitches to repair the numerous dog bites.

by ALITA HOWE

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The Berrys, of Dorking, have been left with a £600 vet bill.

Mrs Berry said: "This was a horrendous experience for all of us. We had had a lovely day walking back to Kingston from Richmond along the Thames in the sunshine and we were just having a coffee and a pasty in the market when we were attacked.

"I was pulled across the ground because I had Pippa's lead in my hand and I was so traumatised I could not stop trembling."

Mrs Berry had to have a tetanus injection and said she was still in

pain more than a week after the attack.

It was only when officers drove the family back to Dorking that the Berrys realised the extent of Pippa's injuries.

Mrs Berry said: "Pippa is still very badly injured, she had to spend the night at the vets.

"This is a horrendous thing to happen to a poor defenceless little dog and to a 79-year-old woman.

A 34-year-old Surrey man has been arrested under section 3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act and has been bailed to return to Kingston police station on January 29.

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## School still opens despite burst pipe

A school flooding ahead of Monday morning may be a dream for some pupils, but those attending Latchmere School did not miss out on a moment of education.

The school in Latchmere Road, Kingston, flooded at 5.15pm on Sunday, but Monday was an

inset day and any further disruptions were avoided.

The fire brigade was called to the school by the caretaker, who discovered an unlagged pipe had burst in the roof space. He was unable to stop the flow of water but the damage was contained to

an isolated area of the school.

It was business as usual for the school on Tuesday morning, after Monday's inset day.

The caretaker who discovered the flood said: "The area damaged was about the size of a classroom, perhaps less."

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# Excellence rewarded

An academic who masterminded an 18-year project to recreate a 19th century computer, a dedicated nurse and an 84-year old volunteer were among Kingstonians rewarded in the New Year's Honours List.

Two sporting heroes from the Beijing Olympics were also given an accolade, with Walton-born canoeist Tim Brabants picking up an MBE and sailor Sarah Webb of the Yngling Girls, given OBEs for services to sport.

Dr Doron Swade, a former curator at the Science Museum, who is a

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world-renowned expert on English mathematician Charles Babbage and spent more than 18 years reconstructing one of the first designed computers from the original 19th century plans, was made an MBE.

New Malden volunteer Irene Clark was given an MBE for her work at the Worcester Park Royal British Legion since 1959 and Kingston-based nurse Alison Finch was made MBE for her

services to healthcare.

Heating engineer Dennis Burge from Hampton Court Palace was given the Royal Victorian Medal, which is awarded for personal services to the Royal family and Jill Johnstone, former director of policy at the National Consumer Council was given an OBE for services to consumers.

Surbiton resident John Lulham, head of contracts and procurements at Transport for London, received an MBE for services to equality and diversity.

and very, very grateful.

"I've always said honours and acknowledgements are the result of good work and I just try to do good work."

Dr Swade has also negotiated the acquisition of rare computers for the National Computer Collection, including a Russian Cold War supercomputer and the last working totalisator.

He set up the Computer Conservation Society in 1989, and has written three books and more than 80 articles on computing.

An engineer by trade, he worked at the Science Museum designing digital hardware before the post of curator came up in 1985.

He said: "I had to choose whether to carry on being an engineer or cross the tracks and become a gentleman. The history of computing is a relatively obscure but massively important field and so this award is wonderful for the field."

## DR DORON SWADE

Dr Doron Swade has dedicated his working life to computers and has been justly rewarded with an MBE for services to the history of computing.

Dr Swade, of Park Road, Kingston, is a former senior curator of computing at the London Science Museum and was nominated by writer James Essinger, who felt his work on 19th century mathematician and computer pioneer Charles Babbage needed to be highlighted.

Babbage designed many computers in the 1800s but none were ever built so Dr Swade masterminded a project to build a working replica of one of Babbage's "calculating engines" from the original 19th century plans.

On receiving the award, Dr Swade said: "I am hugely flattered

club since 1940, but I know he would have been very proud of me."

Mrs Clark, a great-grandmother who lives in Sheephouse Way, New Malden, has a dazzling list of responsibilities including secretary of the women's section, treasurer of the Surrey division of the Royal British Legion and a member of the welfare and entertainment committees.

Ironically, Mrs Clarke used to work as a civil servant and her last post before retiring was in the Queen's Award office, administering honours for businesses.

She said: "Everyone at the club is a tremendous bunch and it is a great place to be."



Delighted: Volunteer Irene Clark

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## JILL JOHNSTONE

Jill Johnstone, from Kingston is an economist who joined the National Consumer Council in 1981 as a senior policy officer.

Jill worked her way up to Director of policy at the consumer watchdog and now heads an international team at the newly formed super watchdog, Consumer Focus.

She has been rewarded with an OBE for services to consumers.



: Jill Johnstone OBE



Calculating: Dr Swade rebuilt Babbage's original computer

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## IRENE CLARK

Irene Clark is 84 and, despite being at an age when most people would forgive her for taking it easy, she has been a dedicated member of Worcester Park's Royal British Legion since 1959.

On finding out she had been awarded an MBE for voluntary service, Mrs Clark dedicated the honour to her late husband Dennis, who was president of the club, in Central Road, before he died in 2007.

She said: "I am absolutely shocked but absolutely delighted at the honour."

"I wish it was for my husband as he had been involved in the

## SARAH WEBB

As part of the Yngling Girls, Sarah Webb picked up her second gold medal for sailing at the 2008 Olympics.

The 31-year-old, from Weybridge has been made an OBE, adding to the MBE she picked up after her first gold medal win in Athens in 2004.

Her fellow sailors Sarah Ayton and Pippa Wilson also picked up accolades in the New Year's honours list.



On crest of a wave: Sarah Webb, centre, with her yngling teammates

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# Will historic stables ride into the sunset?

by DAVID LINDSELL

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An exclusive riding school right on the edge of Richmond Park has applied to knock down its stables and build three large town houses.

The main portion of Stag Lodge Stables by the Robin Hood Gate dates from 1790 and is the only riding school to have direct access to the park.

The house and stables are unique in London and possibly in Britain as a whole, but have not got listed status.

A former owner believes there were stables on the site as far back as 1635, when Charles I created the park as exclusive Royal hunting territory.

Current owner Richard Turner wants to build three four-bedroom town houses after knocking down stables and stores, but will keep the oldest parts of the site.

The application was made to Kingston Council in November and a decision is due to be taken by planning officers by January 14.

Planning officers from Kingston Council have been on the site and have told the applicants they would support the principle of residential development.

In recent years, two pubs on the same stretch of road, the Robin Hood Hotel and the Duke of Cambridge, have been knocked down to make way for expensive homes.



**Stable plan:** An application has been submitted for three town houses

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The lodge is home to about 40 horses, from Shetland ponies to Irish hunters. The horses ride between Tuesdays and Sundays in floodlit arenas, or in Richmond Park.

The lodge itself is a house of 19th century appearance. An 18th-century tack room with an earlier 17th-

century beam will be retained.

In 1986, there was a battle to save the stables, when a previous owner said he would develop the site if he failed to find a buyer for the asking price of £500,000.

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As well as performing in the cathedrals of Auckland, Wellington, Dunedin and Christchurch, the boys will spend time involving themselves in local education projects, such as working with young singers and taking part in open rehearsals.

The boys will hold a gala



New Zealand trip: Tiffin Boys' School choir

concert in the historic Temple Church, central London, on February 7 to raise funds for the trip, and have also set up an online donation page at just giving.com/tiffinboyschoirnztour

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# House prices set to fall further in 2009

by ALITA HOWE

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A leading estate agent has warned that a house price slump in Kingston last year shows no sign of slowing down in 2009.

The latest Land Registry figures released on December 30 showed that house prices in Kingston fell by 1.4 per cent in November and dropped 7.9 per cent in 2008.

The average house price in Kingston now stands at £302,832, £15,000 below the London average of £317,101.

Kingston estate agent Guy Hodge, of Lords, in Wood Street, said while it was important to bear in mind that the statistics

were several months old, the figures were just the tip of the iceberg.

He said: "The figures show a fall of 7.9 per cent but in reality we're looking at a drop of about 20 per cent on prices from 2007 and the market is not going to recover in 2009."

Mr Hodge said there had been a dramatic drop in the volume of sales, down from a peak of 450 a month to less than 100 a month by July 2008.

He said there were a number of problems hindering the re-

covery of the market, including sellers still expecting high prices and some agents still overpricing property.

Mr Hodge said: "It is a very difficult time. We have sold our lettings company, closed one of our offices and cut staff to try to survive but we are making a loss or breaking even every month."

"Sellers need to forget what their houses were worth a year ago and remember that they are selling and buying in the same market."

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Tall order: Surbiton teenager George Atkinson is aiming to complete the seven summits challenge

# George's challenge is summit special

An adventurous Surbiton teenager spent the festive period nearly 7,000 miles from home, as he battled to complete the fourth leg of a mammoth challenge to scale the highest mountain on each of the seven continents.

Fourteen-year-old George Atkinson, of Manor Drive, flew to Argentina on December 19 with his father, Mark, in an attempt to scale Mount Aconcagua.

George is aiming to be the youngest person to complete the seven summits challenge and scale the highest peak in every

by ALITA HOWE

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continent. He already has three summits under his belt, having scaled Carstensz Pyramid in Papua New Guinea in August last year, Mount Elbrus on the Russia/Georgia border when he was 13 and climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania when he was just 11.

After returning from his last trip, to Papua New Guinea, George said: "It was a big physical challenge, but we had a really

good time and it was very exciting."

George is climbing with Adventure Peaks and a blog on the company's website states the team successfully reached base camp on Boxing Day and have now progressed to camp one, which stands at 4,800m.

George is hoping to return to the UK on January 11.

To read the blog, visit [adventurepeaks.com](http://adventurepeaks.com)

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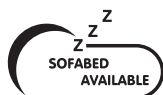
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Gordon Brown takes us for fools, trying to "con" us into going on mad spending sprees with the little money we have left to boost the economy he has wrecked.

Five bishops have, quite rightly, condemned his immoral tactics and blasted Labour for being "beguiled by money" and being "morally corrupt".

Not surprisingly, Labour sources, instead of taking the criticism on board, call the bishops out of touch. Just like they try to deny that immigration, racial tension, crime, violence and murder are out of control too.

Labour keeps trying to wriggle off the hook with sleaze and spin, while causing the country to be engulfed by debt and destruction, but we are not going to be daft enough to vote them into office again.

Gordon is up to his neck in the brown stuff, yet he will carry on blaming others until his head is fully covered in the muck.

TONY FLOOD  
Address supplied

## Thanks for the support

I would like to thank the many people of Kingston and Surbiton who helped make the launch of my book, Kingston in the Fifties, such a success.

In such a fast-moving world, it is gratifying that people still have time to come and support projects that preserve and share historical collections.

It was a joy to see more than 70 people at Kingston Museum in November for the launch.

I was particularly happy to meet Eddie Gardner from New Malden again. At 86, he drove to the event and chatted to people about the town's past. It was amazing to think he first moved to Tolworth in the 1930s before the Broadway was built.

Another person I was glad to see was 89-year-old Reg Driver, from Hook. He has seen more changes to Kingston than many, as he has known the area since he was a boy in the 1920s.

It was wonderful to meet people I knew from the scouts at Surbiton, back in the late 1960s, and also the parents of people I knew in the youth club at Balaclava Road during the 1970s.

The second launch at Surbiton library was another huge success. Co-author June Sampson and I were quite overwhelmed by people wanting to share their reminiscences.

MARK DAVISON  
(formerly of Hook)

# By saving lame ducks we'll be left holding a dead one

Lib Dems scraped a majority of one at the full council meeting and don't give a damn about those really in need of help.

This [The Rose] was always their pet project and ego-mas-sager, so they keep the lame duck and do absolutely anything to avoid being left with a dead one.

Platitudes such as "securing important services" and "applying due diligence" are hog-wash.

They don't question the profligacy of the theatre, with its over-ambitious and costly programme, nor its total failure to live within its means. Last summer it literally couldn't pay the milk bill.

It has forecast a static attendance level for next year so, on average, it will be nowhere near half full.

It must change its priorities and begin to offer less costly productions which will appeal to a wider audience.

How many of the average attendance (385) in 2008 are actually Kingston residents?

I suspect that many of these "friends" are from outside the borough, so they will be delighted with the largesse afforded the Rose by this self-serving, elitist administration.

Lib Dem ideas of what is "essential" are hypocritical and far removed from those of the elderly, the disadvantaged or council tenants who cannot

get vital repairs done.

Can't afford to keep day centres, resource centres or even public toilets open?

No matter - just as long as our Rose doesn't wilt. This perpetual abuse of taxpayers' trust and money (£10m and counting) is a disgrace.

Voters will not forgive and forget next time.

CHRIS HALL  
Cavendish Road  
New Malden



Battle ground: Kingston's theatre continues to be marred by controversy about funding

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## Meeting about the Rose became a pantomime

We were expecting serious discussion about the Rose from both sides of the chamber, but were in fact delivered by the Conservative and Labour councillors.

Unfortunately, most of the Liberal Democrat councillors who spoke were intent on accusing the other side of wanting the Rose Theatre to fail. What arrant rubbish.

So far, it has cost too much

of rate-payers' money for any serious-minded councillor to want that.

We would like to think that more attention would be given in the future before more money is handed out willy-nilly.

What we got at this meeting was one of the worst performances in any pantomime ever seen. Clearly it was produced by the Liberal Democrats. There was bar-

racking, cat-calling, boos and hisses directed across the aisle at the councillors trying to put their views across.

There was even a claque, placed in the public gallery by goodness knows who (we can only surmise). They also made a disgrace of themselves with childish, abusive shouting.

What surprised us was the lack of direction from the

mayor, or indeed the leader of the council, Councillor Derek Osbourne, to attempt to stop this loutish behaviour.

Judging from the smirk on the face of the Lib Dem leader, things were going exactly how he wanted them to.

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## 'Way to Go' Mr Adams for ignoring the vocal majority

Mr Tony Adams clearly does not reside in the Manor Drive or Manor Drive North, the two residential roads that would be adversely affected by the introduction of the unwanted and unnecessary bus route extension.

If he did, he might not be so enthusiastic about the 96 bus polluting the environment and destroying the peace of this residential area.

In his letter, he states that this will be a boon to residents. Has he, as chairman of the Kingston Area Travellers' Association, bothered to contact

residents about their views? He certainly hasn't been knocking on my door.

As for his comments about his association campaigning for many years for the route to be extended, it seems strange that when Transport for London (TfL) representatives were questioned on this subject, their response was that there had been no campaign.

Strange also that the emphasis for the introduction of this proposal seems to have completely shifted from the original reason given in October by TfL to justify its actions, which

was to enable reconfiguration work to be carried out at Worcester Park station. Mr Adams makes no mention of this.

Instead, he spouts a load of old claptrap about this proposal being opposed by a few car drivers. Come off it Mr Adams, you know full well that the majority of residents opposed the first proposal by TfL on the grounds of safety issues and environmental pollution back in October 2007 and April 2008, when a petition signed by local residents was given to Mayor Boris Johnson.

In his capacity as chairman of the Kingston Area Travellers' Association, Mr Adams will be aware of the Mayor's recently published document "Way to Go", where greater emphasis is to be placed on walking and cycling. He conveniently fails to mention this in his letter.

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The gas companies' profits should not be increased by such underhand methods, particularly at a time when customers face hardship.

ALAN TYLER  
Surbiton

## Unsuccessful campaigning

Despite the large number of "campaigns" to which Kingston's publicity-addicted MP has attached himself over the years, the results show a conspicuous lack of success.

Maybe if Edward were persuaded to spearhead the campaign to save the Rose through continued injections of council funding, I suspect its outcome could be that which 90 per cent of the borough's taxpayers would wish for.

NIGEL PAXTON  
Surbiton

## Stop paying for the Rose

I was glad to read that Peter Garrett doesn't want to pay his taxes to the white elephant that is the Rose.

I for one think it outrageous that we will be forced to supplement it. It should be a viable business, not a thorn in council tax payers' sides.

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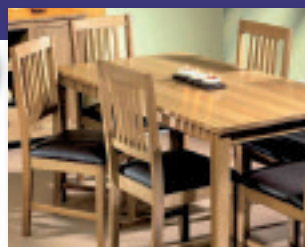


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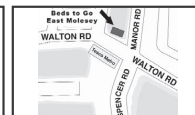
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Kingstonians are being urged to give a park in Hook a belated Christmas present and help it secure a £400,000 makeover from London Mayor Boris Johnson.

The Mayor launched the Help a London Park scheme in December and 47 parks from across the capital, including King Edward's Recreation Ground in Hook, are vying for the investment.

With the January 30 deadline looming, Boris Johnson is urging everyone to get behind their local park.

He said: "More than 30,000 Londoners have already voted for their chosen park, so make sure you have your say and get your vote in."

"If your local park is run-down and in need of some im-

by ALITA HOWE

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provements, your vote could help it become a much more enjoyable and safe place to spend time.

"It is up to you to help to give your local park a belated gift this Christmas."

The investment will see 10 parks transformed over the next four years, after the Mayor pledged to spend £6m on improving the capital's green spaces.

The Mayor, along with a panel of advisers, will also give one park a bumper £2m for a major refurbishment.

Kingston Council said if King Edwards was successful, the money would be spent on restoring the rose garden

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The Friends of Richmond Park photography competition will be launched at Pembroke Lodge at 10.30am and will be attended by Richmond Park MP, Susan Kramer.

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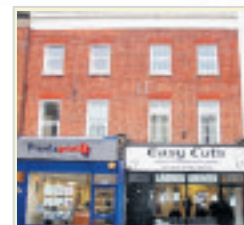
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New Malden:

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Kingston:

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North Kingston:

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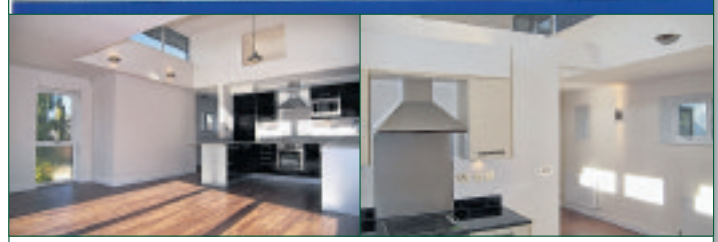
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**New Malden £339,950 F/H**

A spacious 3 bedroom semi detached house with potential to extend at the side. Offers spacious lounge with glazed doors leading to 18ft (approx) dining/family room overlooking the secluded south facing rear garden, fitted kitchen which is open plan to a utility area, 2 double and 1 single bedrooms, bathroom and separate W.C. Off street parking and garage.



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## BERRYLANDS

This modern and well presented three double bedroom, detached bungalow occupies an elevated position and is situated on a highly sought after road in Berrylands. Close to the station, shops and local schools.

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## TOLWORTH

A much extended three bedroom family home with second reception room, downstairs cloakroom and utility room

£229,950



## BERRYLANDS

A two double bedroom semi detached 1930's built bungalow situated in the Berrylands area. The accommodation comprises a lounge, fitted kitchen/breakfast room leading into a 18ft conservatory and gas central heating.

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## NORTH KINGSTON

A two bedroom terraced period property in a highly sought after road in North Kingston. This property is in need of modernisation and would suit a developer, or someone that wants to add value to a property.

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## SURBITON

A two bedroom Victorian terraced cottage. Located on a highly regarded road which provides excellent access to Surbiton High Street and main line train station. The property has been completely restored by the current owners to an exacting standard. The light and airy accommodation comprises of an open plan kitchen dining room and lounge with feature fireplace. Upstairs are two double bedrooms and a luxury family bathroom with roll top bath. Externally well maintained rear garden laid predominantly to lawn. Other benefits include oil central heating and Victorian bath windows. Internal viewing is recommended to fully appreciate this restoration.

£339,950



## DITTON HILL

Offered to the market with no onward chain is this spacious 1960's detached property with garage and off street parking for two vehicles. This property is very well presented by the current owners and boasts dual aspect lounge, spacious kitchen, dining room, downstairs cloakroom whilst upstairs are four bedrooms with ensuite shower room to master and a family bathroom. To the front of the property is a private driveway, leading to garage. Front garden newly laid to lawn with some mature trees and hedge borders. The rear garden is mainly laid to lawn with a decked area.

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## Chessington £299,950

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## Chessington £244,950



A three bedroom end of terrace house, which, in our opinion, is very well presented throughout. Benefits include a re-fitted kitchen and bathroom, conservatory extension, double-glazing, gas central heating and a garage en-bloc.

## Hook £259,950



A two bedroom bungalow completely refurbished to a very high standard throughout. Comprising a large living room, modern fitted kitchen and a fully tiled bathroom. The property also has rear and front gardens, garage and off-street-parking

## Hook £244,950



A spacious three bedroom end-of-terrace house offered in good condition throughout. The property comprises good sized bedrooms, large lounge, open plan re-fitted kitchen/diner and modern bathroom. With views of open fields viewings are highly recommended.

## Chessington £175,000



A well presented Freehold starter home offered for sale with NO CHAIN. Comprising large living room, modern kitchen and bathroom, gas central heating and allocated parking. Located close to Chessington North Station. Viewings are highly recommended

## Hook £299,950



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## Hook £304,950



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# 'Tighten rules on sell-to-let firms'

A charity has warned cash-strapped Kingston and Richmond homeowners who may be having difficulty with mortgage payments to beware of attractive-sounding schemes which allow them to sell up, then rent their own home back.

Faced with difficulties in meeting mortgage payments, some people have been tempted by sale-and-rent-back offers... but have lived to regret it when rents have soared to unmanageable levels.

Despite the lure of easy money, and the prospect of escaping short-term financial woes, it has left many worse off than they were before, losing the roof over their head and getting deeper into debt.

The charity Shelter told Property Weekly that householders should take advice before dealing with firms which offer to buy homes quickly at a discount before renting them straight back to the occupants.

The Office of Fair Trading says some companies are misleading homeowners about property values or the length of leases, or are raising rents substantially, then evicting those who can't pay.

It has joined Shelter in demanding

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that the Financial Services Authority regulates the fast-growing practice, claiming that unscrupulous firms can effectively hold people to ransom.

Adverts for sale-and-rent-back deals often target those facing repossession. The Council of Mortgage Lenders calculates there were around 45,000 repossessions in the UK in 2008, up from 27,100 in 2007.

The National Landlords' Association believes there is a place for ethical sale-and-rent-back schemes, but wants to see a code of practice imposed.

Quick Property Sale Ltd, a sale-and-rent-back company which advertises in these pages, said it was all for tighter controls. Company spokesperson Jennifer Davis said: "Unfortunately, there are rogue traders who have brought the industry under close scrutiny, and it is from these people that consumers need to be protected."

She also said her company offered, on average, 85 per cent of market value and stressed all tenancies had guaranteed rents for a minimum of three years.

## Charity urges transparency on sale-and-rent-back schemes

Less trustworthy firms may mislead customers as to their security as tenants, including telling people they will be able to stay in their home for years when in reality the tenancy might only guarantee six months.


The OFT believes controls should be more transparent. John Fingleton, chief executive, said: "Our research shows that sale-and-rent-back deals have the potential to cause serious and permanent harm to often vulnerable homeowners."

"The unfamiliar and highly pressurised situations these people find themselves in may leave them vulnerable to misleading statements or valuations from sale-and-rent-back firms looking to make a deal."

Although there is little reliable data, it is believed there are 1,000 sale-and-rent-back firms in the UK, with around 50,000 transactions already carried out.

where, after a few months, rent has been bumped up massively. Some packages are quite misleading. While some sale-and-rent-back companies portray themselves as white knights, helping the desperate to pay off credit card and other debts, the advice from professionals is to deal with existing lenders if you find yourself in tricky circumstances.

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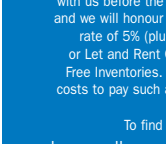
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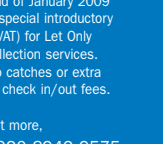
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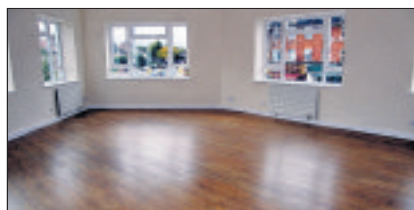
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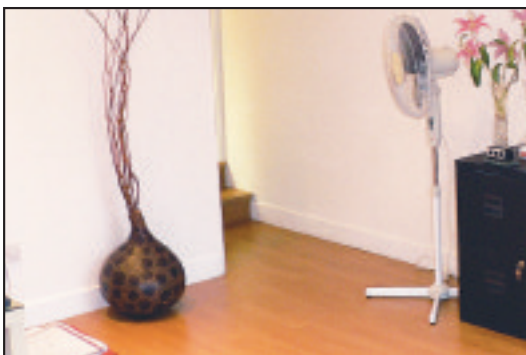
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What bands will be taking  
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## Gospel gathering

Bazil Meade knows something about voices.

Having worked in the music industry for well over two decades, he can count Dina Carroll, Martine McCutcheon, Billie and even Mel B among his former charges.

So when Meade begins to wax lyrical about the London Community Gospel Choir, the choir conglomerate he oversees, it pays to listen.

"Anyone who comes to see us will get a great show," says Meade. "It is about sharing something together."

"When you leave the venue we want you to feel that you have had a wonderful experience."

"Our aim is to make sure your

**MUSIC: London  
Community  
Gospel Choir,  
Rose Theatre**

*Simon Fitzjohn*

heart has been lifted."

And the chances of achieving that are very high, with the LCGC having an impressive 26 years experience to back them up.

But, as Meade explains, it all began from humble origins.

He adds: "The choir came about as a result of a longing to put on a big show."

"There were four of

“When you leave the venue we want you to feel that you have had a wonderful experience. Our aim is to make sure your heart has been lifted”

us that had our own units, and we would meet at various venues.

"We thought it would be a wonderful thing if we combined and put on a massive concert."

"It was certainly never the idea to put something together that was going to last more than 20 years!"

That "massive concert" took place at Kensington Temple back in 1982, where people had to be turned away as hundreds crammed into the venue.

And Meade notes that, within minutes, they knew they were onto a winner.

He reveals: "It was so much fun, and we had a

massive influx of people wanting to join. It was something that people had not really seen done before.

"There were people from all different denominations in the choir, and the music appealed to all."

Things took off from there, with venues in Islington and Walthamstow serving as rehearsal spots and, as their reputation grew, the demands came flooding in, including performing at Glastonbury and Live8, and also providing backing vocals for Embrace's 2006 World Cup song, World At Your Feet.

**LCGC, Rose Theatre,  
January 11, 7.30pm,  
£10/£15/£20. Call 0871 230  
1552 or visit rosetheatre-  
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information.**



Put your hands together: For Bazil Meade (centre) and the London Community Gospel Choir

### The week ahead

#### Back to the old school

New slang becomes old slang for one night only as a host of tribute bands roll up to jog a few memories. The Smyths, Bootleg Blondie and The Jam'd will provide the entertainment, guaranteed to bring the house down as NS kicks off its 2009 season in fine style. McClusky's, Kingston, Thursday, January 8, 9pm, £4/£5, 020 8549 5871.

#### Still Laughing

The Laughing Horse shows no signs of letting up as they kick off 2009 with yet another jam-packed line-up of classy comics. On the bill are Angella O'Reilly, Chris Cohen, Fridge Magnet, John Kearns, Anthony Mackie, Joel Dammett, Joe Rowntree, John Armstrong, John Cowle, Leila Johnston, Laurence Tuck and Antony Green, with Donald Mack as host. **Cricketers, Kingston, Saturday, January 10, 7.30pm, £6, 020 8296 0479.**

#### It's all in the wrist

Fans of magic should descend on the Rose Theatre for a special evening of conjury, up close and personal.

Twelve of the best tricksters Surrey has to offer will be teaming up for a two-pronged show – firstly in the intimate surroundings of the theatre cafe, before launching a full-blown cabaret offering on stage. **Rose Theatre, Kingston, Saturday, January 10, £10, call 0871 230 1552.**

#### Jazz things up

Cornet king Dennis Armstrong rounds up a few of his pals to present his ever-popular Dennis Armstrong's Great Northern Jazz Band. Made up of Northerners now residing in the south, the band have been a hit wherever they have taken to the stage. **Riverhouse, Walton-on-Thames, Sunday, January 11, 12.15pm, £7, call 01932 253354.**

For more events turn to page 47



# What's on

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# Feast of music

As 2008 gently rolls into 2009, it is that time of year when everyone wants to appear learned by producing their tips for the forthcoming 12 months.

**Well, we are no different so, when it came to compiling a Top Five Musical Musts for 2009, we cajoled our friends at Banquet Records into giving us their 'don't miss list'.**

**SIMON FITZJOHN** lists their recommendations...

**Good Shoes**

Even though the Morden lads have already experienced the national success of their debut album *Think Before You Speak*, Good Shoes will release their as-yet untitled new album in 2009 and return in better form than ever. We will be behind them every step of the way as they are definitely one of the most important indie bands in the area.

**Tubelord**

Time-signature changes, intense technical riffs, and exceptionally high-pitched vocals should mean Tubelord will remain one of those small but much-adored bands. However, there is something about the band that makes them stand out. Well-crafted songs with strong vocal hooks that bring to mind a mix of early Biffy Clyro and US bands like The Blood Brothers.

**Mumford & Sons**

After a couple of well-received vinyl only EPs on Chess Club Records we think the next band to break big from the south London folk scene will be previous Marling backing band Mumford & Sons. Although their current work isn't as instantly accessible as the forementioned artists, the country is sure to be warmed up by the time they release an album. It is certainly worth mentioning solo artist Jay Jay Pistolet in the same breath as Mumford & Sons as the two go hand in hand and are equally likely to make waves in 2009.

**Tellison**

Tellison have been on a slow boil since the release of their 2007 album *Contact!*. They have toured the UK countless times and built up a solid fanbase with very little coverage in the mainstream music media. We have always thought it was only a matter of time before the big boys take notice of their extremely well-crafted indie-pop gems that sit so nicely between the jagged sound of bands like The Futureheads and the gentle nature of Death Cab For Cutie. In 2009, they will release their second album and the world will know about it.

**Nic Nell**

Nic Nell is part of the new breed of indie/electro bedroom producers causing a stir at the moment. Along with good friend Sportsday Megaphone (Sunday Best) and James Yuill (Moshi Moshi), Nic Nell will be at the forefront of this pretty new (indie) vocal-led electro scene. His latest single was released on Saliva/XL Records whose catalogue includes many other promising artists of 2009 including one of the most likely female solo artists to succeed in 2009, Theoretical Girl (now signed to former home of The Pipettes - Mephis Industries).



## Pump up the Ram

A new chapter in the glowing history of Ram Folk Club launches this week when the much-loved venue kicks off its 2009 season in its plush new surroundings.

Having bid farewell to the Foley Arms late last year, the Ram has set up shop in Thames Ditton's Old Cranleigh Club, where a warm welcome will once again be afforded to all.

Founders Bob and Maggie Wood have scoured the folk world once again to bring a talent-filled line-up to the area and will no doubt be hoping that the jam-packed, standing-room-only nights at the Foley will be repeated at their new home.

Among the treats on offer include the Bully Wee Band (January 16) and duo Megson (January 30) but, in a move befitting a relaunch, it is Bob who will kick things off on January 9.

A fantastic fingerstyle

**GIGS: Ram Folk Club, Old Cranleigh Club, Thames Ditton**

**Simon Fitzjohn**

guitarist held in high esteem by the folk community, Bob will rattle through his set which varies from traditional classics to contemporary offerings from the likes of Richard Thompson and James Taylor to name but a couple.

Guaranteed to be a laidback, relaxed vibe, with Bob interspersing his songs with trademark banter, the evening will be one to

treasure, with Bob coming fresh from his sessions alongside folk great Benny Gallagher.

So don't miss your chance to renew your acquaintance, or indeed go along for the first time, to one of the area's local joys.

**Ram Folk Club, Old Cranleigh Club, January 9, £7/£8, call 020 8686 9421.**

**Bob Wood**



thursday,  
january 8

EVENTS

**Pub Quiz.** £4 per team. £50 prize. 8pm. The Waggon and Horses, 1 Surbiton Hill Road, Surbiton. 020 8390 0211.  
info@waggononline.com  
**GIGS**  
**Commune Extreme Metal Club.** With Eternal Frost. The Peel, 160 Cambridge Road, Kingston, 020 8546 3516, peelmuzik.com

friday,  
january 9

COMEDY

**Crack Comedy Club.** Doors 8pm. Kingston's longest-running comedy night presents Phil Kay, Stan Stanley, Aaron Counter and Pete Jonas is guest MC. 8.30pm. The Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. £10 (£8 members, £6 students/concessions). 020 8549 9790.  
crackcomedy.com  
**EXHIBITIONS**  
**Gardens Exhibition.** Don't miss this fascinating exhibition about the development of Hampton Court Palace's beautiful gardens. Situated adjacent to the East Front Gardens, this fascinating exhibition helps visitors to understand the evolution of the historic royal gardens at Hampton Court, from their Tudor beginnings up to the present day. 10am. Hampton Court Palace, Hampton Court Road, Hampton Court. Entry included in palace ticket. 0844 482 7777.  
**A Dream Come True.** The Fountain Gallery is celebrating its 10th anniversary. The cream of an architect, a derelict little shop, and 20 local artists are the ingredients for a successful gallery just a stone's throw away from Hampton Court. The anniversary exhibition will feature work from both past and present members. 11.30am. The Fountain Gallery, 26 Bridge Road, Hampton Court, East Molesey. Free. 020 8941 5865. fountaingallery.co.uk

**GIGS**  
**The Ram Folk Club.** The new beginning, with Bob Wood, to kick off at the new venue. 8.15pm. Old Cranleigham Club, Portsmouth Road, Thames Ditton. £8 (£7 members). 020 8686 9421. theramclub.co.uk  
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saturday,  
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CLASSICAL

**Strings on Show.** The third concert in a series of five showing the development of string playing, from young talented musicians through to established professionals. Tonight's concert features Bartholomew la Follette, cello. 8pm. Riverhouse Barn, Manor Road, Walton. £12 (series ticket £50), 01932 253354.  
boxoffice@riverhousebarn.co.uk  
**COMEDY**  
**The Laughing Horse.** Show 8.30pm. Featuring Angelica O'Reilly, Chris Cohen, Fridge Magnet, John Kearns, Anthony Mackie, Joel Dommett, Joe Rowntree, John Armstrong, John Cowle, Leila Johnston, Laurence Tuck, Antony Green, Kevin McCarran and resident host Donald Mack. 7.30pm. The Cricketers, 20 Fairfield South, Kingston. £6 (£4.50 students and members). 020 8296 0479.  
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EVENTS

**Hampton Court Ice Rink.** This is

a temporary, outdoor ice rink subject to varying weather and ground conditions. All the viewing areas and café are free to access. Booking advisable. 10am. Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey. £10-£11.50 (conc £8-£9, £7.50-£8 U16s). 0844 4124640. hamptonicourticerink.com

EXHIBITIONS

**The Great Maze.** A special project that takes the maze back to its hornbeam roots has led to the commissioning of an innovative art installation making it once again fit for a king! 10am. Hampton Court Palace, Hampton Court Road, Hampton Court. Entry included in palace ticket, or separate charge. 0844 482 7777.

**Just a Moment: Photographs by Stuart Heydinger.** Until Jan 10. Photojournalism from the internationally renowned photographer who was born in Kingston in 1927. Rarely seen collection of his work, on loan from the Oldenburg Museum of Art and Cultural History, Germany. 10am. Kingston Museum, Wheatfield Way. £1, U16s free. 020 8547 6460. kingston.museum@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

GIGS

**Tinyfish and Sine Star.** Electro and prog. The Peel, 160 Cambridge Road, Kingston, 020 8546 3516, peelmuzik.com  
**The Kieron Garrett Quartet.** Doors 7pm, gig 8pm. £5, Ram Jam Club, behind the Grey Horse, Kingston, 020 8549 8709, email ramjamclub@grey-horse.co.uk or ramjamclub.kingston.co.uk or myspace.com/garrettgillies

sunday,  
january 11

EVENTS

**Kids' Ghost Tours.** How much do you really know about the spooky palace past? Creep your way around dark corners and hear stories of kings and queens long ago. Booking essential. Price includes free ghost investigator's booklet. 5pm. Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey. £12.50. 0870 7527777.

EXHIBITIONS

**Young Henry VIII.** Come to Hampton Court Palace and meet the 'pin-up' prince before he became fat old Henry VIII. Visit this fascinating permanent exhibition exploring the stereotypes that have overshadowed the true characters and stories of Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey and Katherine of Aragon for centuries. 10am. Hampton Court Palace, Hampton Court Road, Hampton Court. Entry included in palace ticket or separate charge. 0844 482 7777.

monday,  
january 12

EVENTS

**Guided Tours.** Be guided through 500 years of royal history by our expert guides who will reveal the stories and secrets of Hampton Court's former residents. 10am. Hampton Court Palace, Hampton Court Road, Hampton Court. Entry included in palace ticket. 0844 482 7777.

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tuesday,  
january 13

GIGS

**Open-Mic Night.** Free. The Peel, 160 Cambridge Road, Kingston. Call 020 8546 3516 or visit peelmuzik.com  
**Singer/Songwriter Showcase.** This showcase of local talent is hosted by Annie-Grace Smith. 8pm, £2. Doors 7pm for 8pm. £8 (£7 conc). Ram Jam Club, behind the Grey Horse, Kingston, 020 8549 8709, email ramjamclub@grey-horse.co.uk or ramjamclub.kingston.co.uk

wednesday,  
january 14

EXHIBITIONS

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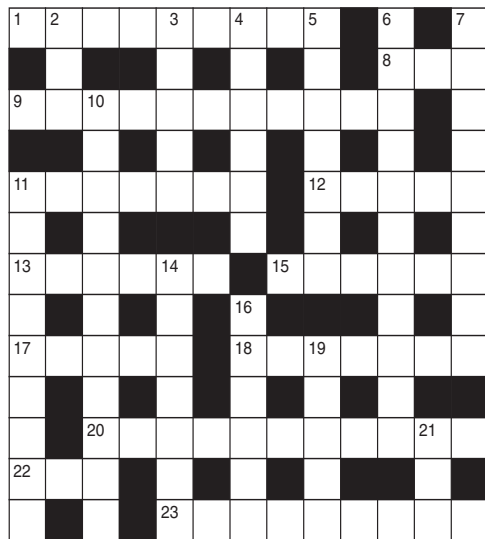


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GIGS

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Quick Crossword



ACROSS

1. Vigorous (9)
8. Wonder (3)
9. Abstainer (11)
11. Go before (7)
12. Additional (5)
13. Majestic (6)
15. Blow (6)
17. Collier (5)
18. Balcony wall (7)
20. Communication (11)
22. Anger (3)
23. A plant (9)

DOWN

2. Born (3)
3. Small wood (5)
4. Merchant (6)
5. Accumulate (7)
6. Airborne soldier (11)
7. Lasting (9)
10. Crises (11)
11. Practical (9)
14. Extend (7)
16. Coil (6)
19. Spacious (5)
21. Dry (of wine) (3)

Last Week's solution:

**Across:** 7 Repair; 8 Damage; 10 Verbise; 11 Agree; 12 Road; 13 Tally; 17 State; 18 Moor; 22 Tramp; 23 Tension; 24 Fluffy; 25 Rugged.

**Down:** 1 Bravery; 2 Spartan; 3 Pilot; 4 Manacle; 5 Harry; 6 Sever; 9 Devastate; 14 Stupefy; 15 Foliage; 16 Grenade; 19 Stuff; 20 Vague; 21 Annull.



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## Films What's on this week

**THE READER (15):** The collective guilt of Germany's 'second generation', struggling to come to terms with their parents' role in the Holocaust, underscores every elegant frame of *The Reader*. At the blackened heart of the picture is a tour de force performance from Kate Winslet as a woman accused of heinous crimes during her stint as an SS guard. As a young man in 1958 Neustadt, Michael (Ralph Fiennes) falls dangerously ill and is assisted by passing stranger Hanna Schmidt (Winslet). The pair embark on a passionate affair, but when they meet eight years later, Hanna is standing trial for her crimes. ★★ ★★

**THE SPIRIT (12A):** This daringly comic-like film adaptation of Will Eisner's *The Spirit* tells the story of Denny Colt (Gabriel Macht), a murdered cop who has mysteriously come back to life as the masked crime fighter, *The Spirit*. Samuel L. Jackson plays *The Octopus*, a deeply disturbed scientist and master of the criminal underworld, while 24-year-old Scarlett Johansson is his

America Ferrara, all feature but the magic just isn't the same. Despite the flimsy material, the four leads give an impressive performance. ★★

**AUSTRALIA (12A):** Baz Luhrmann impresses with his biggest canvas yet, paying tribute to his homeland with a sprawling love story set during the years before the Japanese bombing of Darwin. Lady Sarah Ashley (Nicole Kidman) leaves behind the finery of the English aristocracy to travel to the Australian outback and confront her husband Lord Ashley on the Faraway Downs cattle station. She finds her husband dead and the property in financial disarray, on the brink of takeover by scheming King Carney (Bryan Brown). With the help of the swarthy Drover (Hugh Jackman), she attempts to regain control. The pair fall in love but, with war looming, they risk being separated forever. Australia is a sweeping, old-fashioned epic with ravishing production and breathtaking cinematography. ★★ ★★

**BEDTIME STORIES (PG):** Director



The Spirit: Samuel L Jackson stars

sexy sidekick, Silken Floss. He has just one goal in mind, keeping his beloved Central City safe from villains like *The Octopus* but he still finds time for a string of beautiful women. ★★ ★★

**THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (12A):** Aimed at teenage girls, this is a sequel to the popular movie that charted the upheavals and rollercoaster romantic discovery of four friends, united by the discovery of a pair of jeans, which magically fitted them all. The original cast, including Ugly Betty star

Adam Shankman's colourful family feature, *This* daydreams the possible consequences of a tale, conjured in the imagination, magically manifesting itself in the real world. Hotel handyman Skeeter Bronson (Adam Sandler) is a caring uncle, who helps his nephew and niece nod off with imaginative stories. But when he discovers his power to turn fiction into reality, he puts it to improper uses. Russell Brand makes an appearance as a swifter but is essentially playing a PG-friendly version of himself. Largely disappointing. ★★

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# Lenny springs into action

**THEATRE:**  
**Spring Season, Rose Theatre**  
*Simon Fitzjohn*

The unlikely sight of Lenny Henry appearing as *Othello* is the intriguing centrepiece of Rose Theatre's recently announced Spring Season.

With their future guaranteed by a recent funding boost, the Kingston venue has unveiled a far-reaching, forward-thinking slate of entertainment that is likely to have something to appeal to all.

But it is the casting of funnyman Henry in Shakespeare's classic (April 21-25) that is likely to have tongues wagging.

Director Barrie Rutter, who staged a successful version of *Romeo and Juliet* at the Rose last year with his company Northern Broadsides, has few qualms about the casting of the much-loved comedian.

Rutter says: "I know the knives might be out for me or Lenny for doing this, but I don't care."

"This has come about from a genuine desire to do a piece of theatrical work."

"Bloody hell, how long has the Donmar had Hollywood stars going there for £200 a week?"

"He's 6ft 5in, he's beautifully black, and he's *Othello*."

Also likely to have the ticket lines ringing is Stephen Unwin's production of *The Winslow Boy* (May 7-30), featuring acting heavyweight Timothy West.

Based on a true legal case, and the grounding for both successful stage versions and



two movie adaptations, it documents a family's struggle to clear their son's name of theft at a naval establishment.

Families are likely to flock to a new stage imagining of children's classic *Charlotte's Web* (March 30 to April 4).

While a joint UK production with Australia – *A Convict's Opera* (March 17-28) – will see the burgeoning popularity of musical comedys return to the stage.

And it is not just drama fans who are being catered for, with comedy once again high on the agenda.

**Jo Brand** will stop off for her one-woman show (March 22), the Comedy Store will continue its monthly residency, and **Marcus Brigstocke** and **Andre Vincent** join forces to dissect the newspaper business in the show *Early Edition* (Feb 28).

**Spring Season, Rose Theatre, 24-26 High Street, Kingston, call 0871 230 1552, or visit [rosetheatrekingston.org](http://rosetheatrekingston.org) to book and for more information on prices and times.**

**Unlikely turn: Hit comic Lenny Henry is to play *Othello* at Rose Theatre**

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There can be very few worse experiences in the world of entertainment than settling in for a rib-tickling night of stand-up comedy, only to get the feeling the comic is merely retreading old material.

The best comedy is often seat-of-your-pants stuff but, in this age of sellout tours and celebrity comics, that is often an avenue avoided at all costs.

But not for Scot Phil Kay, who is proud to sport his 'let's see how it goes' badge for all to see.

He explains: "I never have a set list or anything like that. "That would distract me from the moment and nothing is more important than the moment."

"So the key is to make fun of what's actually there in that room, at that specific time, rather than seeking something out to mock."

"The laughter then comes from the recognition of a

**COMEDY:**  
**Phil Kay, Crack Comedy Club**  
*Simon Fitzjohn*

simple truth, that we are all together in a room sharing a unique experience."

A comic since 1989, and a veteran of countless tours, Kay also learned the ropes as a warm-up act for a host of television recordings, including Jonathan Ross's *Saturday Show* and *The Smell of Reeves and Mortimer*.

And he admits to being excited by his launch onto the London scene after a recent move from his native Scotland.

He adds: "It is like an orchard I haven't touched for 17 years and now I am harvesting it."

"I adore it and my situation, although it is not what I would have chosen."

"I would have chosen to do what I have done for the past 15 years, performing one-man shows in lovely venues across Scotland and Ireland with two hours to do what I want."

"There will be no waiting for other comedians to finish – I can't stand waiting around."

So go along and let Kay take you on his personal comic ride – just don't expect him to show any signs of stagefright.

He reveals: "I don't do nervousness – it is nerve-endings, it is life."

"I am curious. I want it to go well."

"Nothing means anything, except what you let it mean."

"So it is not nerves – it is excited energy."

"I just want to get on."

Phil Kay/Stan Stanley, Crack Comedy Club, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston, Friday,



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Transport for London



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- The effect of the Order will be to prohibit any vehicle from:-
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  - to turn right from Malden Road into Blakes Lane, Wickham Close, St James Close and Bodley Road.
- The order will be effective at certain times from 21.30 hours on the 28th January 2009 until 06.00 hours on the 29th January 2009 and during the same working hours on any subsequent night until 06.00 hours on the 27th February 2009 or when the works have been completed whichever is the sooner. The prohibition will apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.
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Please contact the school for an application pack.

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## FORD MONDEO 2.2 TDCi TITANIUM X 5-DOOR

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Cars really don't come more everyman than the Ford Mondeo, but if you were to pile the equipment from the Titanium X into its Sierra or Cortina predecessors, they would probably struggle to move under their own steam.

Of course, all the toys in the world won't win drivers over if not presented in an attractive and orderly fashion.

The Mondeo, with its upscale interior finished in leather and Alcantara, stylish arrangement and aluminium trim finish does exactly

that. First impressions are excellent – the first time you slip into the model you're struck by the quality. Taking a few minutes to acclimatise to the surroundings and adjust the seat and mirrors reinforces that view. To use a cliché, it's a nice place to be.

That's good, because a lot of people are likely to spend a lot of time in one. They certainly won't feel cramped.

A large car in terms of exterior dimensions and internal volume the Mondeo feels rather palatial. The five-door model benefits from the increased practicality of a large boot door, without the increased weight of an estate body, too.

Although the wheel arches and, in the Titanium X model, the CD changer impinge a little, the boot is more than adequate for a car in this sector and practicality can be increased by dropping the rear seats.

An excellent family vehicle, the Mondeo has consistently proven to be, but in Titanium X specification it's clear that the model is built around the business driver.

Key to securing interest from high-mileage drivers are the impressive levels of comfort and equipment.

Heated seats, auto wipers and headlights, keyless entry and a starter button, front and rear parking sensors... the list goes on,

and all are intended to make life on the road as comfy as possible.

It works, and Ford's clever refuelling system that prevents mistakes at the pumps will be a load off drivers' and fleet operators' minds, too.

Most impressive is the Convers+ system that combines with Bluetooth phone integration to allow the sat-nav, ventilation and phone systems to be operated by voice commands. It seems gimmicky at first, but becomes second-nature and a useful tool quickly.

Equally important for the business driver is choice of engine. The 2.2-litre Duratorq unit is a latecomer to the Mondeo line-up but is a worthy addition.

Both power and torque figures are high and combined with the sensible gearing of the six-speed manual transmission, makes for refined progress.

With respectable fuel consumption and emissions, the unit adds to the motorway cruising appeal.

Although it can be a little clattery from cold and at higher revs, its low down power and brisk acceleration mean it won't be heard very often.

There's no escaping the extra weight at the front though.

Large 18-inch wheels help to firm up the ride so that the nose-heavy handling is a little less noticeable than it otherwise might be, but the

## Car fact file

### MODEL:

Ford Mondeo 2.2 TDCi Titanium X 5-door, £24,295

### ENGINE:

2.2-litre turbocharged diesel unit developing 172bhp and 309lb/ft

### TRANSMISSION:

6-speed manual transmission as standard, driving the front wheels

### PERFORMANCE:

Maximum speed 139mph, 0-60mph in 8.2 seconds

### ECONOMY:

45.6mpg

### CO2 RATING:

165g/km

trade-off is a propensity to pick out more bumps away from the motorway than its smaller wheeled stable-mates.

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08/57	'NEW' FOCUS 1.6 STYLE	5-DR AUTO Moon dust Silver/grey, aircon, 1 owner, 2,000 miles	£9,750
08/58	'NEW' YARIS 1.3 T3	5-DR AUTO Venetian Silver/grey, delivery miles 100	£9,450
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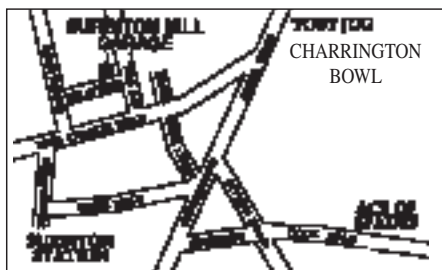
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## Surbiton set for Hull test

Surbiton make the long trip to Hull this weekend for the first four fixtures of their National Indoor Division One season in a bid to win promotion back into the country's elite indoor league.

They do so on the back of an excellent second and final indoor practice game at The Edge Leisure Centre in Haslemere, on Sunday morning, eventually going down 11-8 to one of the National Indoor Premier Division's current nine clubs, Havant.

Havant had already played the first half of their league fixtures over the weekend of December 13-14 at Tonbridge School, while Surbiton had had just the one practice game, beating Guildford, who play in Division Two South, 11-7 on the Saturday afternoon of the following weekend. The South Coast club won the first two 15-minute periods by scores of 3-1 and 4-1.

But Surbiton quickly picked up the necessary skills of the six-a-side version of the game and won the final period 6-4.

Match report: kingstonguardian.co.uk

## Casuals held

Corinthian Casuals were held to a 2-2 draw by visitors Whyteleaf in their opening Ryman League Division One South game of 2009.

Casuals took the lead on 35 minutes when new signing Jamie Byatt ran on to a long ball and slotted it home under goalkeeper Matthew Mann.

Four minutes later, Whyteleaf equalised when Callum MacLean's cross was met by a diving header from Paul Scott.

On 61 minutes, Byatt gave Casuals the lead when he unleashed an unstoppable shot into the top left-hand corner of the goal. But Scott scored his second from close range two minutes later.

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# Christmas hero Carl is full of praise for boss Dowson



Carl Wilson-Denis: "Alan is a great manager and, when things aren't going great, he convinces you it will happen."

Kingstonian striker Carl Wilson-Denis reckons the managerial magic of boss Alan Dowson has been the key to his resurgence in goalscoring form.

Having failed to find the net since October 25, the frontman rebounded with three goals over the Christmas period, including a vital brace at Cray Wanderers.

And Wilson-Denis is convinced Dowson has been the secret to his success.

He said: "A couple of months ago I had a real dip in form, and was struggling for goals.

"But Alan has stuck with me.

"He is a great manager and, when things aren't going great, he convinces you it will happen.

"So it was great to score three in two games over Christmas.

"Overall, I think things have gone pretty well for me this season, but there is plenty more still to come."

The Kingsmeadow side have seen plenty of comeings and goings over the festive period, with Julien Thompson and Phil Williams returning from loan spells, and Jamie Byatt departing for Corinthian Casuals.

Wilson-Denis insists the return of Thompson and Williams is just the boost the title-chasing squad needs.

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He added: "I think it is very important.

"If you look at teams that are successful, they usually have a good squad.

"It helps with injuries, and it also stops players getting complacent.

"Football is a squad game, and it is great to have Julien and Phil back."

Kingstonian will look to stretch their lead at the top of the Ryman League Division One South when they travel to Whyteleaf this weekend.

But, despite Whyteleaf's lowly position, Wilson-Denis is taking nothing for granted.

He added: "They aren't doing well but you cannot go into any game simply expecting to win.

"But, saying that, if we play anything like we played against Cray, nobody will be able to stop us."

Meanwhile, Kingstonian's postponed league game at home to Croydon Athletic has been re-arranged for Monday, February 16 (7.45pm), at Kingsmeadow.

The match was cancelled on Saturday due to a frozen pitch.

**Ks' next three matches:** Jan 10 Whyteleaf (a), 12 Walton Casuals (Surrey Senior Cup, a), 17 Leatherhead (a).

## SPORTSbrief

**FOOTBALL:** Chessington & Hook United's home Combined Counties League clash against Ash United was postponed on Saturday due to a frozen pitch. Chessy, currently 12th in the table, entertain Camberley Town this Saturday.

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**ATHLETICS:** The Adidas Mini London Marathon Kingston Trials for children aged 11-17 take place on Saturday, February 28, in Bushy Park. For an application form and further details, contact the Active Kingston team on 020 8547 5207 or visit kingston.gov.uk/sport. Previous winners of the event include Beijing Olympians Mo Farah and Stephanie Twell.

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**HANDBALL:** The Kingston-based Thames Handball Club has received funding to put on a series of taster sessions for secondary schools. The club will also run a coach volunteers workshop for sport studies students and a festival at the club, with the aim of developing and strengthening the youth set-up. The bid was awarded in partnership with Active Kingston and Kingston Council.

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